

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
Village of North Lewisburg Storm Shelter/Community Support Center
Village of North Lewisburg, Champaign County, Ohio
FEMA PDMC-PJ-05-OH-2007-003

The Village of North Lewisburg, Ohio, has applied for funding from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency (DHS/FEMA) for assistance with the construction of a storm shelter/community support center within village limits, to provide shelter to residents during severe storms, including tornadoes. DHS/FEMA is proposing to provide assistance for this project through the Pre-Disaster Mitigation—Competitive (PDM-C) program under Section 406 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act.

In accordance with 44 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) for FEMA, Subpart B – Agency Implementing Procedures, Part 10.9, an Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared pursuant to Section 102 of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as implemented by the regulations promulgated by the President's Council on Environmental Quality (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508). The purpose of the EA was to analyze the potential environmental impacts for construction of the storm shelter and to determine whether to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) or a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI).

The Proposed Action, as described in the EA, will not result in any significant adverse impacts to geology, seismicity, groundwater, floodplains, public services and utilities, public health and safety, hazardous materials, socioeconomic resources, low income or minority populations, biological resources or cultural resources. During the construction period, short-term impacts to soils, surface water, transportation, air quality, and noise are anticipated. All short-term impacts require conditions to minimize and mitigate impacts to the proposed project site and surrounding areas. The project was coordinated with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Ohio Historical Society, and all federally recognized Tribes in the State of Ohio.

CONDITIONS

The following conditions were developed to mitigate the potential impacts of this project and must be met as part of this project. Failure to comply with these conditions and the conditions contained in the EA may jeopardize Federal funds:

1. The applicant is responsible for obtaining and complying with all required local, State and Federal permits and approvals.
2. The applicant will monitor ground disturbance during the construction phase; should human skeletal remains, or historic or archaeological materials be discovered during construction, all ground-disturbing activities on the project site shall cease and the applicant shall notify the coroner's office (in the case of human remains), FEMA, and the Ohio Historical Society.
3. If deviations from the proposed scope of work result in substantial design changes, the need for additional ground disturbance, additional removal of vegetation, or in any other unanticipated changes to the physical environment, the Grantee must contact FEMA, and a re-evaluation under NEPA and other applicable environmental laws will be conducted by FEMA.
4. Excavation activities could expose or otherwise affect subsurface hazardous wastes or materials; any hazardous materials discovered, generated, or used during construction would be disposed of and handled in accordance with applicable Federal, state and local regulations.
5. Construction vehicles and equipment would be stored on site during project construction and appropriate signage would be posted on affected roadways. All construction activities would be

performed using qualified personnel and in accordance with the standards specified in Occupational Safety and Health Administration regulations. Construction would take place only during normal business hours and all equipment would meet local, State and Federal noise regulations.

6. To reduce impacts to surface waters and reduce soil erosion, appropriate Best Management Practices, such as installing silt fences and re-vegetating bare soils immediately should be used.

FINDINGS

Based upon the conditions and information contained in the EA for the Village of North Lewisburg Storm Shelter (March 2009) and in accordance with FEMA's regulations in 44 CFR Part 10 (Environmental Considerations) and Executive Orders 11988 (Floodplain Management), 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), and 12898 (Environmental Justice), FEMA has determined that the proposed action would not have any significant adverse impacts on the quality of the natural and human environment. As a result of this FONSI, an Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared.

APPROVAL

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